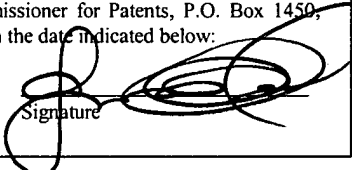


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the present claims with the following amended set of claims.